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**Thanks**

.. To Mr Schuster choir master extraordinaire. You have done a great job Mr Schuster ... thank you very much for your effort.  
.. To those who supported our dodopuzzle fund-raiser.

**People of the Week**

.. Our school choir for representing our school so well at the recent Whangarei North Choir Festival at Forum North .. see the end of the newsletter.  
.. Congratulations to both of our Yr 7 & Yr 8 debating teams. We had two victories against Whangarei Intermediate. The Yr 7's are now 3 for 3 and the Yr 8's are now 2 out of 3. The Yr 8's had a victory over a team who have not been beaten in two years. Both teams will be moving through to the next stage.  
.. Greah who recently won a Tai Tokerau Literacy Association award for outstanding writing against stiff competition. We are so proud of you Greah and we can't wait to read more of your stories. Well done.  
.. Max who was awarded "Player of the Year" and Bayden for "Most Dedicated Player" for Kamo Magpies JB5. A great season for these boys who also played for the Grizzlies and Whangarei U12 rep teams.  
.. Connan who received "Player of the Day" for Matarau A (Yr 4). They won 12-1.  
.. Toby who received "Most Improved Player" for Kamo Broncos 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer.

**Good Luck**

.. to Jordan, Luke, Michelle, Max, Calum and Belinda (from our senior school) who represent us next week at the AIMS Games.  
.. to those children participating in the Northland Cross Country event next Friday.

**Cell phones at School**

Increasing numbers of children are bringing cell phones to school .. usually for quite legitimate reasons. For safety reasons we ask that these are dropped to the school office on arrival and picked up at the end of the day. Children who travel on buses will be asked to pick their phone up after their bus bell goes (i.e. 3:00, 3:25 or 3:50). If parents have important messages for bus children please phone these through to the school office. Thank you.

**RESPONSIBILITY Virtue**

Support material for the **RESPONSIBILITY** virtue was sent home with last week's newsletter. Please remember to  
.. discuss this with your children  
.. talk about why responsibility is important in your life  
.. set some targets  
.. advise us of any special successes for the newsletter



### Grandparent's Day

The Junior School (Rooms 2,3,4,5,6&7) are having a Grandparents Day to conclude our topic about life in the past. Grandparents and/ or Great Grandparents are invited to spend the afternoon with us on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, from 1:30 pm - 3:00pm. There will be an opportunity to spend time with the children in their classroom, to visit our mini museum and to be entertained by the junior school. Afternoon tea will be served in the hall. **To assist us with catering can you please phone Helen in the office next week if you will be in attendance.**

### Term Calendar

*Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.*

16 September - AIMS Games

25 September - Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi

26 September - Talent Showcase

27 September - Final day of term

### Talent Showcase

Don't forget to pencil in the evening of 26.9 (7:00 PM) ... these evenings are loads of fun. Please help by ensuring participants bring what they need to school for their auditions. Any questions give Kevin a call.



### Talent Showcase Participants

Final auditions took place this week and children who have been selected for the showcase performance have been advised. If your child has been selected can you please make sure they bring all items necessary for their performance to school next week so that they are ready for practice sessions (which could occur on any day(s) next week). Questions please to Mrs Walker.

### Maori Whanau Hui -

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October/ Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 5:30pm- 8:00pm

Bring a plate per whanau and share a meal. Meet other parents with students at our school. Let us know what you enjoy about our school and what you would like to see more of. Hear about what is happening at Matarau School and what is on the horizon, to develop our knowledge of Te Reo & Tikanga. Any questions please contact Mrs Abbott or Toni.

### Home Garden Programme



Forms calling for expressions of interest in the Home Garden Programme were sent home last week and were due back at school this week. An enthusiastic group met on Wednesday to receive their diaries. If you missed this meeting or haven't received your form it isn't too late - just give the office a call. Children will shortly be discussing optimal garden location and how to get your compost going. Please email photos of progress to [sabbott@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sabbott@matarau.school.nz) so Mrs Abbott can share with students at Wednesday meetings. Any questions please to Mrs Abbott.

### Canteen - Bandana Challenge

We support only a select number of charities each year ... usually those connected with children. Within a couple of weeks we will be selling bandanas (as we do around this time each year) to support teenagers with cancer. These come in a variety of colours and children enjoy adding to their collection. We have designated 24 September as Bandana Day with children invited to wear their bandanas at school on this day. You should not feel under pressure to purchase but this is a very worthwhile cause. Children are welcome to wear bandanas purchased in earlier years on Bandana Day. Watch this space.

### Periods of Anticipated Absence

The Ministry of Education prefers that family holidays are taken during term breaks ... but we realise that this is not always possible. If you are planning a period of absence for your children during school term time, please email Kevin with a request for an *Exemption from School* stating the purpose and dates. We look sympathetically on most of these and you will usually get a response within two days.

### Term Contributions and Activity Fees

If you opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees or have unpaid fees you will have received a payment request this week. Please forward payment at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

### Calf Club Day - Thursday 24th October 2013

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2013. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



All kindness originates from God



**Please do not bring pregnant animals or newborns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.**

A bottle of Agrisea, a seaweed concentrate for animal nutrition, is available for each child who is bringing a calf or lamb (or goat). These can be picked up from the school office.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 14th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.

There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz) or Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.

This year, there will again be, a silent cake auction, sausage sizzle and stalls with Christmas gifts for sale so remember to bring along cash and support these people as it also helps the school. If anyone would be interested in having a stall on the day please contact Cassandra on 433 5968.



### Scholastic Book Club

All orders and payments for Issue #6 are due back to the office at latest by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please note - no late orders will be accepted month.

### Finally ..

Those in attendance at this week's Choir Festival at Forum North will no doubt have been impressed by our choir. Our children sang their hearts out but most of all showed great charm, teamwork and stage presence. We are very proud of you all (and of Mr Schuster too). Well done! The school will provide a lunch for choir students on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September to say Thank You for all their hard work.

Regards  
Kevin Trewhella  
PRINCIPAL

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Young Chooks for Sale** – 1 pair purebred Rhode Island Red \$30, 2 brown shaver hens \$30, 1 pair colourful bantams \$10. Phone Alina 0273437447 or 4338998.



**Orchid Flowers for Sale** – Mini cymbidiums 12 Stems box \$20; 6 stems box \$12. Phone Gary 435 2848.

**For Sale** - 1 x Bantam Hen and 10 chicks.....free to a good home. Phone 4335093.

**Firewood for Sale** – Totara, \$80 a metre (min 2 metres) delivered. This is fundraising for a hockey tournament for Northland U13 reps to travel to Rotorua. Please contact Brad Martin on 433 5061 or 0274810450



**School Holiday Golf** Northland Golf Club will be running several 'Introductory Golf Days' over the school holidays to give your child a taste of what Golf is all about! When - Primary Age - 1/10/13 and 03/10/13; Intermediates - 30/09/13 & 02/10/13; Time: 9am - 3:00pm; Cost: \$30 each; Contact Matt Davis 022 105 8750; or email - matthewdavis\_1@hotmail.com

**Whangarei Choral Society**- 60th Anniversary Concert with Northland Sinfonia, and Opera North, Brahms: A German Requiem, Sat 21st Sept 3pm Forum North Expo hall, Bookings ticketek Adults \$27 Seniors \$23 2-16 years \$5.

**Junior Tennis Rally Day** Come and "HAVE A GO" on Saturday, September 21-1to 3pm at Thomas Neale Family Memorial Park in Winger Cres, Kamo; Children 5 to 18 years; Parents bring your racquets too! Be part of fun activities, try out our ball machines and enjoy some match play. More info Wendy Sykes on 021 437505.



**October Holiday Junior Tennis Clinic** with Wendy Sykes (Professional Tennis Coach), at Thomas Neale Family Memorial Park, Kamo on Oct 8, 9, 10 for ages 7-16 years. \$90 each. Beginners/Advanced Beginners – 9am-12pm each day. Intermediate/Advanced – 1pm-4pm. Contact Wendy Sykes 021 437505.

**ONLY ONE  
WEEK TO GO**

**Trivia Night  
21 September 2013**



## Emailing Notices

We would like to be able to email families from time to time with school notices. It would be a useful tool with class or school-wide updates, or for fundraising events. Please confirm the email address you would like to receive school emails to below or tick the optout box.

Eldest Child's name at Matarau School: \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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